



HAWAI'I STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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Committee: Committee on Judiciary
Bill Number: H.B. 741, H.D. 2
Hearing Date/Time: Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:15 a.m.
Re: Testimony of the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission
with **COMMENTS** on H.B. 741, H.D.2, Relating to Ethics

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i State Ethics Commission ("Commission") provides the following comments on H.B. 741, H.D.2, which seeks to change the current records retention period for lobbying records (four years) to require the Commission to retain records permanently.

With the Commission's new electronic filing system, the Commission can maintain records for longer periods with minimal cost. However, maintaining all lobbying records in perpetuity will eventually require the Commission to pay for additional digital storage, and the Commission respectfully suggests that a finite retention period may be more practical (without a significant burden on the public's access to information).

Thank you for your continuing support of the Commission's work and for considering the Commission's testimony on H.B. 741, H.D. 2.

Very truly yours,

Daniel M. Gluck
Executive Director and General Counsel

Statement Before The
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Thursday, March 18, 2021
9:15 AM
Via Video Conference

in consideration of
HB 741, HD2
RELATING TO ETHICS.

Chairs RHOADS, Vice Chair KEOHOKALOLE, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Common Cause Hawaii supports HB 741, HD2, which requires certain Hawaii state ethics commission records to be permanently retained.

Common Cause Hawaii is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to reforming government and strengthening democracy. Common Cause Hawaii works to restore faith in our government and our democracy that has been shattered in the last few years through ethics, accountability, and transparency reforms.

Common Cause Hawaii supports the permanent retention of records filed with the State Ethics Commission. As technology advances, digital storage of voluminous records will be imminently doable and is even currently being done with minimal concern as to storage capacity, and there is negligible costs. Public transparency and accountability will be best served with permanent retention of records.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 741, HD2. If you have further questions of me, please contact me at sma@commoncause.org.

Very respectfully yours,

Sandy Ma
Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2021 5:08:17 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Stand in Support

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2021 1:12:48 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I support HB 741 HD 2.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2021 6:50:40 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Public transparency and accountability will be best served with permanent retention of records of the State Ethics Commission. This would be a step to reduce government corruption in Hawaii. Please support HB741.

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 1:17:52 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee on Judiciary,

Please support HB741, HD2.

We support the permanent retention of records filed with the State Ethics Commission. As technology advances, digital storage of voluminous records will be imminently doable and is even currently being done with minimal concern as to storage capacity, and there is negligible costs.

Public transparency and accountability will be best served with permanent retention of records.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 741, HD2.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 1:30:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

There is no reason not to support this bill. It will increase transparency & accountability besides efficiency

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 1:50:22 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

- I support the permanent retention of records filed with the State Ethics Commission. As technology advances, digital storage of voluminous records will be imminently doable and is even currently being done with minimal concern as to storage capacity, and there is negligible costs.
- Public transparency and accountability will be best served with permanent retention of records.

- Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 741, HD2.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Tlaloc Tokuda

Kailua Kona, HI 96740

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2021 9:22:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Jaycox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2021 1:00:40 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward B Hanel Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Concur with Common Cause Hawaii comments. Retention of Ethics Committee records promotes transparency and trust on our Ethical system. i support passage fo HB741 HD2.

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2021 6:54:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
laurie boyle	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support sb741 for the simple reason that we should all have access to OUR records indefinitely.

Mahalo for your attention.

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/16/2021 2:13:59 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As it relates to checks and balances, all records in the ethics department shall be retained and the department should go through periodic audits, after which time old records may be discarded.

HB-741-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2021 6:40:22 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the permanent retention of records filed with the State Ethics Commission. As technology advances, digital storage of voluminous records will be imminently doable and is even currently being done with minimal concern as to storage capacity, and there is negligible costs.

Public transparency and accountability will be best served with permanent retention of records.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.